

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending June 18, 2000**. Some parts of the state got some needed rain. Spring row crops planting is complete in most parts of the state. Soil moisture was rated 16 percent very short, 31 percent short, 47 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1999	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Silked	69	48	62	49	2	8	29	50	11
	Dough	23	--	21	13					
Cotton	Squaring	67	33	65	60	2	4	23	57	14
	Setting Bolls	5	--	2	4					
Rice	Emerged	100	98	100	100	0	4	20	60	16
	Headed	0	0	2	1					
Sorghum	Emerged	100	98	99	98	1	3	21	64	11
	Heading	3	0	10	5					
Soybeans	Planted	98	95	97	93	1	6	26	53	14
	Emerged	96	89	93	86					
	Blooming	30	16	26	15					
Wheat	Mature	100	99	100	94	--	--	--	--	--
	Harvested	97	77	91	74					
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvest	34	25	37	34	8	15	45	27	5
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	85	65	72	57	0	4	60	28	8
Watermelons	Planted	95	93	96	96	1	3	69	25	2
Blueberries						1	3	60	30	6
Cattle						3	11	32	45	9
Pasture						15	18	38	25	4

County Agent Comments

“Thrip and aphids continue to be a problem in cotton. Scattered rains are helping. We need a good general rain.”  
— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie County

“The county received a general rain over the weekend. Parts of the county received just over one inch of rain, with some parts receiving more than two inches. If there has ever been a million dollar rain, this was it!”  
— Ronald L. Jones, Marshall County

“A rain would sure help keep our crop going. Not very much insect pressure at this time in any crop.”  
— Tommy Baird, Sunflower County

“A much needed rain fell across areas of the Gulf Coast this past week. Conditions are still extremely dry. Due to the lack of rainfall, blossom-end rot is affecting several vegetables.”  
— Chance McDavid, Harrison County

“Most cotton farmers started applying layby herbicides this week. Corn irrigation systems were turned on again this week. Insect pressure remains low with only a few fields being sprayed for insects.”  
— Jerry Singleton, Leflore County

Weather Summary from June 12, 2000 to June 18, 2000 for Mississippi													
District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale				79		E1.49	+0.51	4	2.52				0.32
Cleveland	94	69	81			1.33		2	4.11				
Tunica	96	69	82	78	+4	E0.82	-0.10	3	1.60		75		
Extreme/Average	96	69	82	79	+3	E1.21	+0.26	3	2.74		75		0.32
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs				75									
Memphis	95	70	80	79	+1	0.87	+0.05	4	1.56				
Oxford	95	65	80	76	+4	1.87	+1.10	2	3.34				
Extreme/Average	95	65	80	77	+3	1.37	+0.51	3	2.45				
3. Northeast													
Booneville	93	68	80	76	+4	2.48	+1.67	4	4.05				
Corinth	94	67	80	77	+3	3.06	+2.29	5	4.16				
Iuka	94	60	78			1.10		2	2.52				
Pontotoc	92	67	79	77	+2	1.99	+1.04	4	4.01	83	75	79	0.39
Tupelo	95	67	81	77	+4	1.51	+0.67	3	2.09				
Verona	95	67	81			E0.95		3	2.96	93	76	84	0.30
Extreme/Average	95	60	80	77	+3	E1.85	+1.01	4	3.54	93	75	82	0.35
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	98	70	82	80	+2	E0.82	-0.00	3	2.25	98	84	91	
Greenwood	95	66	80	79	+1	1.07	+0.09	2	2.67				
Rolling Fork	95	69	82	79	+3	0.10	-0.81	2	2.35	102	85	94	0.21
Stoneville	96	72	83	80	+3	E0.80	-0.11	2	2.44	97	72	86	0.30
Yazoo City	94	67	81	80	+1	1.28	+0.51	3	3.70				
Extreme/Average	98	66	82	80	+2	E0.81	-0.10	2	2.68	102	72	90	0.26
5. Central													
Carthage				78		E0.67	-0.10	2	3.40				
Jackson	94	67	80	79	+1	3.81	+3.11	5	4.92				
Winona	92	62	78	75	+3	0.36	-0.48	2	2.45				
Extreme/Average	94	62	79	78	+1	E1.61	+0.84	3	3.59				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						E2.28	+1.51	3	2.78				
Columbus	95	66	80			1.00		4	1.90				
State University	95	65	80	78	+2	0.42	-0.42	4	2.15	90	68	84	0.22
Extreme/Average	95	65	80	78	+2	E1.23	+0.39	4	2.28	90	68	84	0.22
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	94	66	80			3.30		3	5.36	97	76	85	
Natchez	91	64	79	80	-1	1.68	+0.73	4	5.06				
Oakley	98	66	81	78	+3	2.06	+1.13	4	4.39	104	77	88	
Vicksburg	93	71	81			E0.81		3	2.63				
Extreme/Average	98	64	80	79	+1	E1.96	+0.99	4	4.36	104	76	87	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	92	67	80	80	0	E0.65	-0.33	3	1.94				
McComb	95	66	80	78	+2	1.26	+0.28	3	1.96				
Extreme/Average	95	66	80	79	+1	E0.96	+0.04	3	1.95				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont						E1.06		5	1.99				
Hattiesburg	95	64	79	79	0	0.87	-0.06	3	1.09				
Laurel	95	65	79	79	0	2.30	+1.53	4	2.44				
Meridian	95	64	79	78	+1	0.93	+0.13	6	1.72				
Newton	96	63	79	77	+2	2.25	+1.55	4	2.87	77	71	74	0.21
Extreme/Average	96	63	79	78	+1	E1.59	+0.75	4	2.03	77	71	74	0.21
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis						E1.01		4	1.36				
Biloxi AFB	91	75	84			2.21		3	2.67				
Gulfport	88	70	80	81	-1	1.04	-0.03	3	1.27				
Pascagoula				81									
Poplarville	96	67	81	80	+1	0.93	-0.05	5	3.17	96	68	82	0.26
Extreme/Average	96	67	82	80	+2	E1.30	+0.24	4	1.93	96	68	82	0.26
State	98	60	80	78	+2	1.43	+0.55	3	2.82	104	68	83	0.24

DFN = Departure from Normal.

'E' = Estimated Values.